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CONGRESSMAN ANDY KIM

United States House of Representatives
New Jersey Third Congressional District

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Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives H-307, the Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Holmdel Horn Antenna Preservation project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Holmdel Township, located at 4 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, NJ 07733.

The funding would be used to purchase the Holmdel Horn Antenna property, a National Historic Landmark (NHL), preserve the former Bell Telephone Laboratories (a.k.a. Bell Labs) site, and restore the historic satellite communications and radio telescope equipment previously used in the discovery of cosmic microwave background radiation, one of the most important scientific discoveries in physical cosmology, which provided evidence confirming the "Big Bang" theory of the creation of the universe.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will benefit local and regional conservation efforts, protect the land and existing trails, expand recreational opportunities, prevent the demolition of a National Historic Landmark, and preserve and restore the space for the enjoyment of the community, region and broader world. Preserving this historic site and the Horn Antenna serves the educational, scientific, and recreational needs of the community and is anticipated to reap economic benefits in attracting people nationwide once the property is transferred from private ownership and access is made available to the public.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely.

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Member of Congress